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Attorney Docket No. 09473.0004-00

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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 10/809,439 ) Examiner: Ebrahimi Dehkordy, Saeid  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, ) Confirmation No.: 8108  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
AND IMAGE PROCESSING )  
SYSTEM )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicant files this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time of filing this IDS.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, Applicant provides a copy of the Notification of Reason for Refusal mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on March 7, 2006 and the Decision of Rejection mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on May 30, 2006, in a counterpart Japanese application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof. Applicant also submits an English-language translation of the Notification of Reason for Refusal and the Decision of Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate the consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO/SB/08 form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the listed document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status such document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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